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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Examiner stated that "[t]he primary reasons for allowance is the electron donor having an oxidation potential greater than zero and less than that of 1,4-dimethoxybenzene and being selected from polycyclic aromatic compounds, such as those found in the instantly claimed invention or N-alkyl carbazole compounds" (page 3, paragraph 4, of the Notice of Allowability mailed with the Notice of Allowance on March 19, 2004).

Applicants respectfully note that independent claims 2 and 45, both of which recite that "the electron donor compound has a pK_b greater than 8," do not specifically recite that the electron donor is selected from the group consisting of polycyclic aromatic compounds and N-alkyl carbazole compounds.

Further, Applicants note that independent claims 25, 26, and 27 also do not specifically recite that the electron donor is selected from the group consisting of polycyclic aromatic compounds and N-alkyl carbazole compounds. However, claim 25 recites that "the photopolymerizable composition is a curable ink imaging layer, a silverless imaging layer, an imaging layer on a projection plate, or an imaging layer on a

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laser plate;" claim 26 recites that "the photopolymerizable composition has been polymerized to provide a hard coat layer on an optical lens;" and claim 27 recites that "the photopolymerizable composition has been polymerized to provide a coating on an optical fiber."

Finally, Applicants note that independent claim 42, which recites an "electron donor compound selected from the group consisting of biphenylene, anthracene, 9-methylantracene, 9-vinyl anthracene, 9-phenylantracene, 9,10-diphenylantracene, 9,10-dimethylantracene, 2-ethylantracene, acenaphthene, pyrene, pentacene, decacycene, azulene, 7,12-dimethyl-1,2-benzanthracene, 1,2-benzanthracene, 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, 2,3,5-trimethylnaphthalene, N-methyl carbazole, and combinations thereof," does not specifically recite that the electron donor compound has an oxidation potential greater than zero and less than that of 1,4-dimethoxybenzene.

Applicants respectfully submit that the comments included herein do not alter the allowability of claims 1-45.

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